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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 14 and 23 to read as follows:

14. (Twice Amended) A method of selectively perforating sheets of paper of a group of sheets, wherein sheets to be perforated are selected as the group is moving successively through a perforating device, the perforating device including a first perforating tool for perforating sheets of paper and a control unit for controlling the perforating tool, wherein the first perforating tool perforates the paper along a direction of the movement of the sheets, the method comprising acts of:

successively receiving a plurality of sheets of paper as input to the perforating device;
and

positioning the first perforating tool in either a perforating position to perforate paper or a neutral position to allow paper to pass imperforated, including:

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